

REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claim 17, 19 and 20 are pending.

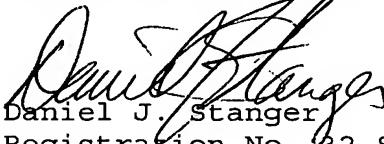
Claims 8, 14, 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C.

§103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroyuki et al., JP 2000-188369, (Hiroyuki) (Figures 1 and 3), in view of Takiar et al., U.S. Patent 5,422,435, (Takiar). Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroyuki, in view of Takiar, as applied to claim 8 above, and further in view of Lau, Flip Chip Technologies 1996, McGraw-Hill, p. 302-303. Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroyuki, in view of Takiar, as applied to claim 8 above, and further in view of Okazaki et al., U.S. Patent 6,269,999 (Okazaki).

Claims 8-12, and 14-16 have been canceled without prejudice, to expedite the allowance of claims 17 and 19-20. Withdrawn Claims 1-7 and 21-43 have also been canceled pursuant to the earlier Restriction Requirement. Accordingly, allowable Claim 17 and 19-20 are the only remaining claims in the application.

In the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

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